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ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

"A Family Oriented RV Club"
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Amigos Del Camino
Friends of the Road

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AZ FMCA RALLY CALENDAR 2017—2018

April 19, 2017—April 23, 2017
DeAnza RV Resort—Amado, AZ
Rally Masters: Barb & Jim Taylor
480-279-3687 or 714-235-3406

October 12, 2016—October 16, 2017
Butterfield RV Resort & Observatory
Benson, AZ
Rally Masters: TBD

November 9, 2017— November 12, 2017
Wickenburg Community Center
Wickenburg, AZ
Rally Masters: TBD

February 9, 2017—February 11, 2018
Gila Bend KOA Gila Bend, AZ
Rally Masters: TBD



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello All:

The 95th National Rally in the Valley, held in Chandler, AZ was one of the largest rallies attended in many years with over 2300 RVs in attendance. We were honoured to have the rally in our state; and the Rawhide Western Town and Event Center was a perfect venue.

Thank you to our 51 chapter members who attended and volunteered for Security, Parking, and the Maestros. Your time and efforts contributed greatly to the success of this rally.

Our Chapter Horse, "Hey "Jude," was designed by Judy Dugan and named in her honor. Judy's husband, Tom Dugan, proudly honored his wife and our chapter as he gallantly steered "Hey Jude" to the finish line in the Chapter Horse Race Event.

Our special thanks to Tom for completing Judy's project and riding our handsome mare in the very competitive "Race of Chapters" from all over the US. Needless to say, Hey Jude and Tom Dugan were the best looking horse and jockey team in the race.

The Taylor's have a wonderful rally planned with fun surprises and good times for all. See you all there!

Grace Fogarty, President

Amigos Del Camino



2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hello All:

A total of 27 coaches filled with 51 wonderful members attended the Rally in the Valley in Chandler which included Dick and Anita Hancock from Scottsdale who rejoined our chapter. Dick and Anita received a large dose of our chapter's hospitality since they were parked next to the noisy Arizona Chapter staging area. Thank you Dick and Anita for tolerating us--no motorhome is that soundproof.

I'm sorry I missed the general business meeting and some of the nightly functions. Unfortunately, I was under the weather during those times. Hope to see everybody at the April 2017 rally at the DeAnza RV Resort.

Rich Talmon—2nd VP, Membership



RALLY IN THE VALLEY AT WILD HORSE PASS



FMCA decided to have their “Rally in the Valley” or as we know it, “The Wild Wild West”. The Arizona Club powered up the ponies in their motorhomes and headed to the parking lot roundup. Once everybody arrived Rich Talmon led the herd to The Wild Horse Pass.

Shortly after our arrival our members were deputized as security guards and assigned to their posts. As Deputy Security Guards we met and assisted many wonderful people. Our very own Sheriff, John Matthews, helped keep our rowdy bunch in line with the delivery of donuts, ice cream and water. He also graciously transported everybody to and from their security posts. Thanks John for keeping us all well-fed, well-hydrated and on schedule!

With many interesting seminars to attend, vendors to see, and new coaches to explore there was plenty to keep everybody busy. Catching up with old friends, meeting new friends and of course sharing ice cream at the social with friends were just a few of the highlights of this rally. However, the best time of all was gathering together at the end of the day with fellow club members to share drinks, snacks and stories.

Kent Holladay

WAGONMASTER REPORT

Howdy Folks:

Are we ready for the last rally of this season? DeAnza RV Park is a nice park located in an interesting part of southern Arizona. The Taylor’s are busy planning the April rally so please support them and get your reservation in quickly.



It sounds like our club was well represented in Chandler at the FMCA International Rally. Thanks to all who attended and helped with the security detail. Also, thanks to Grace for leading the charge for our chapter and getting things organized.

If you don’t know by now, Marcia and I are on an extended tour of America’s Old South. Neither of us has spent much time in this part of the country; and coming from Yankee blood we are sometimes out of our element. However, the people have been warm and genuinely glad to have us in their state. We are having a great time on the road and hope to be back in Arizona in time for the heat in June.

Next season’s rally schedule is starting to come together. However, it looks like a multi-chapter rally is not in the plans. However, I’m sure we can all have a good time with our members at New Year. The club is planning a 50th anniversary for next April so mark you calendars as it’s going to be a golden celebration! Thanks to all the members who participated in the survey as it will help planning future rallies. As always, I’m looking for rally masters, *so if you are interested please contact me.*

Duane Woerman—Wagon Master

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s Report as of March 17, 2017

Savings Account as of 02/20/17	\$8,329.80
Interest Earned:	.68
Balance 3/17/17:	\$8,329.80
Checking Account 2/20/17	\$3,677.40
Rally in the Valley Expenses*:	375.28
Rally Deposit De Anza RV Resort:	522.90
Go Daddy Fees for Website:	<u>15.98</u>
Balance 3/17/17:	\$2,763.24



**Judy Talmon
Treasurer**

***Business meeting and part of horse for Chapter Horse Race.**

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rally in the Valley at Wild Horse Pass was a busy time for the 2,627 coaches in attendance. After everyone had finished their day the Arizona Chapter came together for a potluck, happy hours, conversation and lots of laughs. The rally offered 300 vendors, 100 seminars and lots of beautiful show RV's of every kind. There was something for everyone. Additionally, the evening shows kept everyone laughing or tapping their toes.

In July I will be attending the International Rally in Indianapolis on behalf of our chapter. As Charlie Adcock discussed at the last rally in Chandler some significant changes need to be made in order to ensure FMCA's future and allow us to meet the needs of members. For some time now FMCA leadership has been wrestling with addressing decreasing membership numbers by inviting towable RV's to join FMCA.

The allowance of towables into FMCA would not affect individual chapters within FMCA. Each chapter would continue to have our own Bi-laws and Guidelines as well as the opportunity to decide on this issue.

It makes good sense to grow our membership as the numbers have been declining each year with less motor homes being purchased and more towable being purchased. My personal opinion is that additional chapters would be formed for younger families and/or some chapters would allow towables into their chapter. FMCA is all about having fun! So we need to keep that going and open doors for others to have fun with us.

The July Rally will also include voting on new officers, primarily President. I will keep you informed of the results.

Dan Fogarty— National Director

RALLY IN THE VALLEY MEMORIES

Dear Club Members:

Rally in the Valley was a Chapter Rally that Judy and I were really looking forward to attending. But as you know, my life in recent months has been turned upside down.

Right after the FMCA Rally at Rawhide, I sold our MH. A nice couple who spent a couple hours with me checking it out a week earlier decided it was a better option for them than all of the new ones they had obviously checked out while visiting Rawhide one afternoon. It was tough to see them drive off with it.

But for me, it was even tougher last Friday to see a nice young man drive off with Judy's lovely red Jeep Rubicon. Judy loved her Jeep. She felt safe sitting up high with the quick handling Rubicon. And of course, it was the perfect "toad" for traveling with our Monaco. Together we had so many memorable adventures with what was a perfect set up for the two of us.

With two homes and five vehicles, I simply could not handle all of it by myself. So as we all must do sooner or later, I had to downsize. Depending how much I use, or not use, our lovely place in Payson this summer will determine whether to keep it or sell it too.

Whether I decide to purchase another much smaller MH will be determined later. In the meantime, I will certainly miss the RVing and all of you with the Arizona Chapter even more. Thank you for your friendship and your caring.

Fondly,

Tom Dugan



*In Loving Memory of Judy Dugan
"Hey Jude"*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR BRAD MORTON



The Arizona Chapter of FMCA board members wishes to extend our deepest sympathy and offer our prayers to the Bradley Morton family in the passing of Bradley (Brad) Morton on March 19, 2017.



*There are so many people in need of prayers around the world.
But today, both of my parents need prayers to guide them.
My father died today...he coded for an unknown amount of time
and is now on life support.
My mother needs our prayers to help her through this difficult time.
My father is the strongest man I have ever known,
but this may be too much for his frail body to survive.
I pray that God takes him peacefully if it is his time to
leave us. I pray for both of them with all my heart
and thank you for your kindness.*



In Honor Of My Grandpa.....

March 18, 2017 will always be hard on my heart.

*Today my grandpa passed away;
and I haven't quite been able to wrap my head around it.*

*As a little girl, I always thought he would live forever;
that I would always be able to sit on his knee while I watched TV,
or that his prickly kisses from his mustache
would always be in never ending supply.*

*Today I realized that no matter whether we like it or not
death is apart of life.*

*I will always cherish the moments we spent together ;
and everything he taught me about cars.*

*He also always taught me that boys are silly;
and I can do anything I put my mind to.*

*I hope that he is peaceful wherever he is
and he is finally able to be with my mom and aunt.*

I love you so much papa.

You will always be in my heart.

Madi Cahill



*My father took his last breath today and passed peacefully.
Bradley Charles Morton 7-21-35 to 3-19-2017.
Survived by Nancy Morton (wife) and two children Scott and Robin.*



AZFMCA RALLY SURVEY RESULTS

To better understand our members wants and needs from our chapter rallies the Board asked our members to complete the survey below. The responses are posted below and are being reviewed by the Board.

Would you be willing to host a rally?	YES 9	NO 13
Would you be willing to be on a rally committee?	YES 21	NO 1
Would you like to see more potluck meals?	YES 12	NO 10
Would you like to have more group games?	YES 11	NO 9
Do you like planned outings/sightseeing?	YES 17	NO 4
Would you travel to a far away location once a year for a rally? 200-300 miles-11 Responses 300-400 Miles-5 Responses 400 -500 Miles 3 Responses		



Would you like to see No Host rallies?	YES 3	NO 15
Would you like to see pay as you go rallies? Rally parking, no planned meals or activities. This would be good for those who don't want to participate in certain outings. Yes 7 Responses No 14 Responses		



Are the current rallies too expensive?	YES 6	NO 13
Would you like to see more potlucks to lower rally fees?	YES 8	NO 9
Are the current rallies OK with you?	YES 17	NO 4



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Marcia Rigbsby
Pat Stien
Judy Talmon

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That's All Folks!